

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1740 - SB 1831

February 19, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Commissioner of the Department of Education (DOE) to employ three assistant commissioners to support local education agencies (LEAs) based on the rural, urban, or suburban areas served by the LEA.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$530,200/FY22-23 and Subsequent Years

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation establishes qualifying criteria for each of the three assistant commissioner positions based on their knowledge and experience serving in different geographic areas.
- DOE will establish three additional assistant commissioner positions beginning in FY22-23.
- There will be a recurring increase in state expenditures of \$500,226 [(\$137,052 salary + \$29,690 benefits) x 3 assistant commissioner positions] in FY22-23 and subsequent years.
- It is assumed that the three assistant commissioner positions will travel across the state to meet with districts and build relationships with LEAs.
- Based on past travel expenses for DOE staff doing similar work, it is estimated that each assistant commissioner position will incur \$10,000 in travel expenses annually for a total of \$30,000 (3 assistant commissioners x \$10,000).
- The total recurring increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$530,226 in FY22-23 and subsequent years (\$500,226 + \$30,000).
- No impact to local government.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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